

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 693

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Senator James "Jim" Lyne Holcomb of Bluff City.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of James "Jim" Lyne Holcomb of Bluff City, who served his fellow citizens with distinction as a member of the Tennessee Senate during the 97th, 98th, 99th, and 100th General Assemblies and a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives during the 95th and 96th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, born on January 4, 1945, in Troy, Ohio, James "Jim" Lyne Holcomb was the son of James W. and Mary Lyne Robinson Holcomb; and

WHEREAS, he received his Bachelor of Science degree from Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky, and his Master of Arts degree in counseling psychology from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, a certified member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Senator Holcomb was employed as a professional counselor and certified marital and family therapist and served as director of Child and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, after offering himself for public service, Jim Holcomb was elected to the House of Representatives in 1986 to serve the 1st House District and then won election to serve the State Senate's 2nd District in 1990, representing Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the State Capitol, Senator Holcomb rendered sterling service as the vice chairman of the Northeast Tennessee Legislative Caucus and as a member of the Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee, the Senate Government Operations Committee, the Senate Judiciary Committee, the House General Welfare Committee, and the House Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, he also served on a number of civic and charitable boards, including the Upper East Tennessee Children's Service Council, Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency Health Services Advisory Board, Sullivan County Child Abuse Review

Team, Sullivan County Comprehensive Emergency Services, Sullivan County Schools Disciplinary Committee, Sullivan House Treatment Center Board, and Governor Lamar Alexander's Health Children's Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jim Holcomb was a member of Kiwanis International, the Greater Bristol Chamber of Commerce, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Honor House Association of Georgetown, Kentucky, and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Senator Holcomb was a Paul Harris Fellow and was named Humanitarian of the Year by the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association and Legislator of the Year by the Tennessee Drug and Alcohol Council; and

WHEREAS, Senator Holcomb enjoyed the love and companionship of his wife, Sonja, and was the proud father of Will Holcomb, Matt Holcomb, and Brett (Anna) Holcomb and doting grandfather of Finn, Sam, Nora, and Lina; and

WHEREAS, he will be mourned but fondly remembered by his brother, Ted Holcomb; his sister, Libbie (John) Kerr; and a host of extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Jim Holcomb leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Senator James "Jim" Lyne Holcomb and his life of service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee as we reflect fondly upon his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Senator Holcomb.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.